intervention to make the Agro & Rural Industries Sector globally competitive.

Development of Cottage Industries in Andhra Pradesh

5248. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any action plan or package for development of cottage industries in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of the cottage industries in the State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.The Government through the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is already implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) throughout the country for the development of Khadi and Village Industries including agro and rural industries. Under this scheme the KVIC provides margin money assitance at the rate of 25% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs and for the project above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs, rate of margin money is 25% of Rs. 10 lakhs plus 10% on remaining cost of the project. In the case of SC/ ST/OBC/Women/Physically Handicapped/Ex-Servicemen and Minority Community beneficiary/institution and for hill border and tribal areas, North Eastern Region, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Island, Lakshadweep, the margin money grant is 30% of the project cost upto Rs. 10 lakhs but above this amount and upto Rs. 25 lakhs it is 10% of the remaining cost of the project. Under this scheme, the beneficiary's contribution is at least 10% of the project cost. In case of SC/ST and other weaker sections, beneficiary's contribution is 5% of the project cost. This scheme is being implemented through Public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks, etc.

Moreover, for the development and promotion of KVI sector the Government has recently announced a package on 14.5.2001 The package consists of Rebate Policy for five years, option of Rebate and Market Development Assistance (MDA), Insurance cover to the Khadi artisans, emphasis on improvement of Khadi products, creation of packaging and design facilities, measures to promote marketing, brand building, cluster development.

(c) the industry-wise performance under KVI programme in the Andhra Pradesh State for the year 2000-2001 is given at Statement.

Statement

Performance of Andhra Pradesh during 2000-2001

s. No.	Industry	Production (Rs. in lakhs)	Sales (Rs. in lakhs)	Employment (i n lakh persons)
1	2	3	4	5
1. KHADI				
1.	Cotton	992.11	675.34	0.17
2.	Muslin	286.44	100.59	0.02
3.	Woollen	473.93	185.11	0.04
4.	Silk	451.74 .	204.25	0.01
	Total Khadi(l)	2204.22	1165.29	0.24
II.VILLAGE INDUSTRIES				
	Pottery	3791.67	4504.91	0.45
	Lime	4166.91	4385.18	0.25
10.	Match	235.02	401.64	*
11.	Agarbatti	206.51	413.12	0.01
12.	HMPI	462.94	931.95	0.01
13.	Shellac	25.12	4.36	*
14.	Cane & Bamboo	864.25	1762.98	0.013
15.	Katha	—	—	—
16.	Gums & Resins	196.65	17.12	*
17.	Beekeeping	237.43	566.85	0.01
18.	Ghanioil	1749.74	1808.44	0.03
19.	Gur&Khandsari	3445.23	3738.60	0.23
20.	Palmgur	1011.86	1256.52	0.90
21.	PCPI	4127.70	5612.52	0.13
22.	Forest Plants	2.48	3.10	*
23.	Fruit Processing	1168.69	1225.85	0.09
24.	Fibre	675.53	894.92	0.11
25.	Soap	248,25	522.16	*
26.	Leather	3592.56	3617.42	0.17

1	2	3	4	5
27.	Polymer	239.08	422.08	*
28.	Biogas	1223.56	—	0.04
29.	Carpentary & Blacksmithy	4581.89	2291.77	0.54
30.	Aluminium	94.44	268.75	*
31.	Electronics	41.08	61.43	*
32.	Brass Copper & Bell Metal	111.09	131.25	*
33.	Polyvastra	117.79	88.57	0.01
34.	Textile	280.93	932.79	0.03
35.	Service	1014.68	—	0.09
	Total Village Industries (II)	33915.08	35864.54	3.23
	GRANT TOTAL (I+II)	36119.30	37029.83	3.47

*Less than 500 persons.

Electricity Generation from Atomic Technology

†5249. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the news-item captioned "Achcchi Va Sasti Bijli Milegi Pramanu Praudyogiki Se[H] published in the Rashtriya Sahara dated the 25th March, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) by when a final decision would be taken by Government with regard to the setting up of a atomic power plants; and

(d) the target of generating power therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) Nuclear energy is one of the options to complement the electricity generation in our country. It is technologically proven, environment friendly and cost effective. tOriginai notice of the question was received in Hindi.